

BUREAU DIRECTORS ENDORSE PROPOSAL

10 CITIZENS APPOINTED TO PUSH IT

"Greatest Opportunity in Ten Years" Declares L. C. Hutson; Factory Proposition is Presented; Austin Asks for Advertising Fund

COMMITTEE OF TEN.

L. C. Hutson, Chairman.
R. P. Smith.
R. K. Wootton.
J. Stine.
Ben F. Johnson.
T. H. Dwyer.
M. E. Humphrey.
H. T. Davis.
J. R. Abercrombie.
R. F. Thwaitt.

Resolution.
Resolved that it is the sense of the board of directors of this bureau that the hotel proposal presented to the citizens of Chickasha through Ben F. Johnson is a meritorious one and should be accepted and that we invite Mr. Johnson to meet with a committee of our citizens to consult in regard to the manner in which the bonus called for shall be raised.

The foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted at a meeting of the board of directors of the Commercial and Farm Bureau Thursday evening, following the presentation of the proposal of an outside capitalist to invest \$250,000 in a six-story hotel in Chickasha, and on motion of L. C. Hutson, seconded by C. H. Caneman, a committee of ten citizens was appointed to confer with Mr. Johnson and work out a plan for raising the required bonus. This committee is composed of the regular standing development committee of the bureau with five additional citizens.

"As I see it," said Mr. Hutson, in bringing the matter before the board, "this is the greatest proposition that has been offered to the people of Chickasha in ten years and perhaps longer. It is one that we may not have again. We know the man making it and we know that he will do exactly what he says. When he says that he will not build the proposed hotel without the bonus that he asks, we may rest assured that he means it. Within two years the taxes that would be collected from the additional outside capital brought to our city by this investment would amount to as much as the bonus and the investment would remain as a permanent source of revenue. As business men we cannot afford to turn down such a proposition. It is an opportunity for Chickasha to take a big forward step and we should lose no time in taking advantage of it."

Other expressions from those present indicated that it was the belief that when the committee of ten has completely worked out the most practical plan of procedure and the matter has been fully considered by the citizens, the required amount can be readily raised.

Subscription Started.

Ben F. Johnson presented the subscription list to a number of business men this morning and he reports that the proposal met with good favor except in a few instances. "I hope the people of Chickasha will not delay making up their minds in regard to the matter," said he, "as it is necessary to close the transaction within the next few days. The rest of the citizens will be called upon and it will facilitate the work if they will voluntarily leave the names and the amount they desire to give at the First National bank."

Mr. Johnson reports subscriptions received this morning from the following: J. R. Abercrombie, E. Tignor, Sunshine Grocery, W. N. Elliott, Terrell Bros., Hub Clothing Co., Morgan & Gribb, H. E. Marks, S. E. Prince, E.

J. Hubbard, G. Serrato, O. E. Weller, Jacob Lorensen, O. K. Transfer Co., V. W. Darnell, Enterprise store.

Other Matters Considered.

Before taking up the hotel proposal, several other matters were considered by the board. A. H. Davis of Rush Springs, inventor of a cotton burr extractor which has recently been given a successful tryout, was present with an offer to locate a factory for the building of his machines in Chickasha, provided he is given a site and building. He asks for the old cigar vender property north of the city. Col. T. J. O'Neill, who went to Rush Springs some time ago to see a demonstration of the merits of the machine made a talk in which he declared the invention to be a success and he expressed the opinion that it would soon become popular, a wide demand for it being created. The matter was referred to the industrial committee with instructions to make a thorough investigation and report to the board.

College Advertising Fund.

President Austin of the college was invited by Jonas Cook, president of the board, to discuss the matter of advertising funds. "There never was a time when advertising could do us as much good as now," said he. "The citizens of Chickasha have contributed liberally for this purpose in the past and I feel certain that they will do the same thing again. So confident am I of this that I have already let contracts calling for the expenditure of over six hundred dollars. We need \$700 or \$800, and every additional \$100 will count for as much as the first \$100. I have figures to show that Chickasha got at least \$15,000 worth of business from the \$700 spent for advertising the college last year and we can get still more this year. We can't build a school without advertising."

"Another thing in which I want to ask your co-operation is in getting good homes for the students who cannot be accommodated in the dormitories. More boarding houses won't do. We want the best people in Chickasha to open their homes to the girls as many of them did last year. If they do that we can take care of several hundred more students and if you give me the money for advertising I will see that the students are here."

On motion the chair appointed Ed F. Johns, T. H. Dwyer and Ben Johnson as a committee to raise the advertising fund.

By the action of the board O. C. Cooper was unanimously re-elected as farm agent for another year and in the same manner W. W. Clark was again chosen as secretary. Members of the board present at the meeting were Cook, Kayser, Caneman, Ben Morgan, Johns, Hutson, R. L. Wallace, W. H. Donahue and Evans.

SLAVS ARE TARGET OF GERMANS

By United Press.

Petrograd, June 30.—Advices received here today indicate that Gen. Kuropatkin's entire front from Riga to Iwinsk is the target of a series of sudden and violent attacks by Germans. It is believed that Marshal von Hindenburg is launching a new offensive campaign in an effort to divert the Russian troops from their Galician and Volhynian campaigns in which the Austrians are being hard pressed.

Railroad Center Captured.

By United Press.
Paris, June 30.—A dispatch printed by the newspaper Echo de Paris today says the Russians have captured Kolomea, an important railroad center in Galicia.

British Repulsed.

By United Press.
Berlin, June 30.—The war office announced today that British attacks at various places along the front were repulsed and that the Germans made progress near Hill 304 northeast of Verdun.

TO CLEAN UP BEFORE THE FOURTH

"We want Chickasha to appear at her best on the Fourth of July while our visitors are here, and we're going to clean up all of the downtown section," F. E. Clayton, special officer and clean-up man, announced this morning. He is sending out notices to all downtown houses that they must cut the weeds along their parkings either this week or Monday.

"And people all over town should get after the weeds and keep them down," the special officer continued. "Recent rains have produced an unusual crop of weeds, and both appearances and sanitation demand that they be kept cleaned up."

This is also an excellent time to set Bermuda grass, too, Mr. Clayton advises. "With so much moisture in the ground, weeds could be plowed under, the ground leveled off well and grass given a good start without any watering necessary if we have any continued rains," he said. "Not only would this plan do away with a big annual expense in cutting weeds, but it would also improve the appearances of our town at least twenty-five per cent."

This is a great opportunity to turn your weed patch into a lawn."

TRAP SHOOT FOR FOURTH

"Gun men" of Duncan, Marlow and Comanche will spend the Fourth of July the guests of the local club and enter a match at the local grounds near Shavano Springs Tuesday. There will be an all-day shoot, with the visitors, the guests of the locals both at luncheon and at a dinner in the evening.

"Yes, we're expecting some hard competition when the three towns invade the local camp," Judge Linn said this morning, "but we have some pretty classy men, ourselves."

The Chickasha club is holding its regular weekly shoot at Shavano at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

WILL ORGANIZE CO. IF SECOND CALL COMES

All men who have promised to join the proposed Chickasha company of the second regiment of the state militia have been released from their obligation on account of the call Governor Williams has sent out for recruits for companies of the first regiment. Albert Hollingsworth, who has been given authority to organize a company here in case a call is made for a second regiment, made the statement this morning, following requests from a number of men who wished to get into the militia at once.

"This does not mean, however, that the Chickasha company has been abandoned," Mr. Hollingsworth stated. "In case a call is made for the second regiment, I believe we can get enough men here to fill it in two days. But men who wish to get into action right now cannot wait for this company, nor should they be asked to, when a call is out for recruits for first regiment companies."

Men are being enlisted at the United States army recruiting station for companies in the first regiment.

WOODMEN OFFER SERVICES.

By United Press.
Dallas, Tex., June 30.—General Hugh Scott today wired Texas Woodmen that he would consider their offer of services in case volunteers were called for. The telegram from the general states, however, that he believes the militia will be all that is needed to cope with the Mexican situation.

DANGER OF OVERFLOW IS NOW PAST ON WASHITA.

Fears that the Washita river might overflow the bottom lands were allayed this morning with the report from the power house that the raise was receding. Water had been flowing over the dam four feet and four inches. It was down to two feet and four inches this morning.

CITY GETS FIRST LOAD OF WHEAT

Eb Bryant, of Five Miles Northwest of Town, Markets it at 84 Cents Per Bushel; Field Averaging 15 to 18 Bushels Per Acre

Marketing Grady county's 1916 wheat crop began this morning when Eb Bryant of five miles northwest of town, in the Washita bottoms, delivered two loads to the Linton Grain company.

The 1916 "first load" was of the hard variety, tested 57½ pounds and sold at 84 cents. A second load tested 58 pounds. Mr. Bryant stated the crop was making from 15 to 18 bushels to the acre, and that it was not damaged by the rains.

Many other threshing outfits are just beginning work, according to Mr. Bryant's report, and much marketing can be expected within a few days.

O. C. Cooper, county demonstration agent, estimates that there is about 50,000 acres of wheat in Grady county this year, only 60 per cent of last year's acreage, and that the average yield the county over will be ten bushels. "Some are placing their estimates at twelve bushels," he said this morning, "but I believe the ten bushel estimate is a more conservative one. Some fields will doubtless make twenty bushels. Others will make less than ten. The dry weather of last fall, preventing the obtaining of a stand, is the only reason why the yield is not unusually large this year."

The county agent will spend tomorrow traveling over the country inspecting wheat conditions.

STORES IN CITY CLOSED TUESDAY

Practically all Chickasha merchants will close their houses all day on the Fourth of July, it is announced. The merchants named below have signed a statement declaring they believe every business house in the city should remain closed during the day in order to give everyone a chance to "enjoy themselves and honor the flag and the country." Every merchant who was seen signed the petition, according to Secretary Eraland of the Retail Merchants' association.

Following is the list:
Geo. K. Powers, The Sunshine, S. J. Goldsmith, Gilkey-Jarboe, W. H. Perrell, Ferguson & Freeman, H. E. Marks, B. W. Lubman, The Famous, The Leader, The Hub, Model Grocery, People's Store, E. Tignor, The Enterprise, Eagle Mercantile company, Chalfant Hardware company, Terrell Brothers, Buie & Wallace, Abercrombie Grocery, The Toggery, W. Lambach, J. E. Schow, Morgan & Gribb, Bynum & Co., Claycomb & Anderson, J. L. Hill, Spencer Grocery, H. T. Hampton, S. H. Kress.

BANK WANTS RENTALS FOR ALLEGED DEBTS.

The National Bank of Marlow filed suit in the district court yesterday seeking to garnish the rentals on three buildings in Chickasha on a debt alleged to be due them from W. H. Penden of Denton, Tex. The sum involved is \$500. The property on which the rentals are asked are the buildings occupied by H. T. Hampton, W. C. Bullard and I. A. Bone.

WOULD SAVE CASEMENT.

By United Press.
Washington, June 30.—Senator Martin this morning introduced in congress a resolution asking President Wilson to intervene and save the life of Sir Roger Casement. The resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee.

ENTHUSED BY MEETING OF AGENTS

Cooper Returns From School at Stillwater With Load of Fresh Ideas and Inspiration Gathered From 59 Co-workers

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS IN STOCK JUDGING

Attention Also Given to Other Subjects Pertaining to Farm Improvements; Aggie College Taken on New Life

"The eight days' meeting of county agents just held at Stillwater was without a doubt the greatest meeting for the advancement of agricultural interests that has yet been held in Oklahoma." This statement was made by O. C. Cooper, who returned last night from the agents' meeting. He met with the Commercial and Farm bureau last night and made an informal report on the work that was carried on at the Stillwater meeting.

The meeting at Stillwater was an eight-day school for county agents. Fifty-nine of them were there, and they spent the time not only in listening to the experts of the country on every subject with which they deal, but also in obtaining each other's experiences in the county work.

"We fellows got two things from the meeting," Mr. Cooper said this morning. "One was a lot of information on subjects with which we deal every day, and the other was a lot of inspiration from seeing what the fifty-eight other fellows in the state were accomplishing. There was hardly a man there whose work did not excel in some particular department."

A large part of the time at this year's meeting was given over to instruction on stock judging, in order to prepare the agents to take charge of township fairs. Instruction along this line was given for four days. Every other department of the work was touched upon during the eight-day meeting. Among the subjects were dairying, diseases of domestic animals, salesmanship for the farmer, pig clubs, making a seedbed and selecting the seed, marketing problems, problems of providing pasture, poultry breeding, co-operation with county officers, spraying of fruit trees, the county agents' relation to the rural school, the holding of township fairs, poultry judging.

The program was given under the auspices of the extension division of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college, in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture. One of the special features was a Chautauqua course, in which some of the best talent of the country was brought in to talk to agents on their own work and allied subjects. An enjoyable feature for Mr. Cooper was his meeting with Ralph J. Lamb, acting president of Bacon University, who officiated at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, sixteen years ago. They had not met since.

Not only was the agents' meeting a great improvement over that of last year, but the whole Agricultural and Mechanical college seems to have taken on new life. Mr. Cooper declared, "A campus that was formerly dreary up in weeds has been transformed into flower gardens," he said, "and a new system and new energy seems to have seized upon the entire institution."

MRS. CORYELL AT FREEMAN.

Mrs. M. Coryell, county women's demonstration agent, is meeting with boys' and girls' clubs in the Freeman district today. She will give a canning demonstration for the ladies also.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Saturday, partly cloudy.

Local Temperature.

During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:
Maximum, 83; minimum, 68.

HARNESS IS STOLEN.

County officers spent Wednesday afternoon in the east part of the county where they were called to help recover harness stolen from the barn of Jack Hopkins, a farmer living six miles northwest of Blanchard. One and a half sets of harness were stolen. No trace of thieves or property was found.

INTEREST IN PARADE INCREASES

Numbers Being Called for; Extra Prizes Will Be Given; Thousand School Children Flags are Dumped in Window

Interest is increasing in the Fourth of July decorated automobile parade and indications now are that it will be one of the biggest things of the kind yet held in Chickasha, declares Harry Schwartz, managing the celebration for the retail merchants. Numbers are already being called for at telephone 330, where a clerk is kept in charge of the work.

Besides the ten \$5 prizes offered for the best decorated cars, an extra \$5 is being offered for the first prize out-of-town car, and Mr. Schwartz states a number of agencies are now considering offering prizes for the best decorated cars of their particular make.

A number of business cars have already obtained numbers, which are given out free, and the management states that they are anxious that every delivery car or other business car in Chickasha enter the parade.

The one thousand flags that will be given to the boys and girls who take part in the children's preparedness parade, were dumped into a downtown window yesterday afternoon. They will be seen in one of the windows of the Hub Clothing company all day today.

This parade, with a thousand young Americans each carrying an American flag, will be one of the gala events of the entire celebration. Manager Schwartz stated last night that he would need some ladies to aid in managing the youngsters. All who are willing to help out are requested to telephone their names to number 330. Tom Driggers will be marshal of the day.

All other plans for the celebration are being rushed. Concessions are being arranged for and plans made by the merchants to decorate their store fronts.

VILLA AGAIN REPORTED WITH ARMY

By United Press.

Eagle Pass, Tex., June 30.—Villa with a force of several hundred men, has joined Carranzistas, according to a statement made here today by Juan Rodriguez a Texas Mexican, who has just returned from Torreon. The two forces were joined at Monclova, he declares.

The informer declares there is no chance that he could be mistaken. He seems to be acquainted with the bandit chief. He reports, also, that eight thousand Carranzistas have been distributed between Piedras Negras and Monclova.

Get More Refugees.

By United Press.
Vera Cruz, June 30.—The battleship Nebraska and the ward liner Monterey arrived here this morning to take away eight hundred American refugees who are seeking to get out of Mexico.

EN ROUTE FOR CAMP.

Everett Parker, a geologist for the Maryland Oil company of Ponca City, spent several hours as a guest of Henry White today while en route for the militia mobilization camp at Fort Sill. Parker joined one of the military companies while attending the University of Oklahoma, from which he was graduated in 1915.

CARRANZA IS TOLD TO SPEED UP

Lansing Intimates to Mexican Ambassador that Patience of U. S. is About Played Out; No More Delay Wanted

DANGER OF WAR FAST WANING IS BELIEF

Dispatches Indicate Answer of First Chief Will Avert Hostilities and Other Favorable Signs Noted by Washington Officials

By United Press.

Washington, June 30.—Secretary Lansing at noon today sent a request to Ambassador Arredondo that he have the Carranza reply speeded up. He told the ambassador frankly that the patience of this government was about exhausted. He pointed out that the United States asked that Carranza's statement of attitude be made at once, whereas several days have already elapsed.

Carranza's delay was partly explained in official circles this afternoon as due perhaps to an effort to let matters calm down before the reply was sent, and also to difficulty he was having in shaping a note satisfactory to his cabinet. Those facts developed after today's cabinet meeting. Members gave only brief consideration to the Mexican situation owing to the president's haste to catch a train to New York, where he will address the New York City Press club tonight.

Execute Four Mexicans.

By United Press.
Deming, N. M., June 30.—Four Mexicans, who participated in the Coddabus raid, were hanged in the jail here this morning. They displayed a remarkable stoicism. A number of deputies and a company of militia were placed on guard surrounding the jail in order to prevent other Mexicans from interfering.

Denies Reported Attack.

By United Press.
San Antonio, Tex., June 30.—Colonel Gaston wired General Funston this morning denying reports that the Mexican garrison at Ojinaga had attacked American forces at Presidio. Funston also denied reports that Mexican forces were cutting into Pershing's line of withdrawal.

By United Press.

Washington, June 30.—The danger of war with Mexico is fast waning, officials here believe, as President Wilson awaits the reply of Carranza to his note threatening the "gravest consequences" if the American expedition is attacked.

Despite this belief, however, militia continues to pour steadily toward the border. The administration is not certain that it will not have to use troops in Mexico before the controversy is ended.

A United Press dispatch from Mexico City stating that Carranza's reply was about completed was read with interest at the White House. The president hopes to have the Mexican communication before he delivers his address before the New York Press club tonight.

Mexican dispatches reporting the belief that Carranza's reply will avert war buoy up the hope for a peaceful settlement of the issues at stake. The arrival of the American prisoners at El Paso, following their release at Chihuahua City and the expressed willingness of the Mexican authorities to return the bodies of the men killed at Carrizal were other optimistic factors in the situation today.

Texas Infantry on Way.

By United Press.
Marathon, Tex., June 30.—Company A of the Texas Infantry passed through here today en route from Hot Wells to Boquillas where, it is understood, it will relieve Troop A of the Sixth U. S. cavalry which will proceed to Glenn Springs.

A detachment of Company H, signal corps, which has been stationed here since the Glenn Springs raid, has moved its headquarters to Marfa.